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[54] **APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING LINEARITY OF LINE SEGMENT IN IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method for discriminating the linearity of a line segment in an image processing system consisting of elements for extracting and tracking a train of points from a high contrast portion of a video image and for determining whether the position of one of the points exceeds a predetermined threshold value representative of a condition which defines the end of the linearity of the train of points.

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